

## **SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the paragraph/section beginning on page 5, line 1, as follows:

Referring to **FIG. 1**, the dehooking device with slidable bite sleeve has a rod **1**, preferably made of steel, that is attached to a handle **3** at a first end and has a pig-tail looped hook removal end **2** at a second end. The rod **1** is surrounded by a movable cylindrical bite sleeve **4**, preferably made of plastic. The pig-tail looped hook removal end **2** of the rod **1** has a rounded end **5** so as not to injure the insides of the fish or sea creature.

Please add the following paragraph after line 11 on page 6, as follows:

The advantage of using a pig-tail looped hook removal end **2** is that it allows for greater security of a fishing line **8** over traditional hooks having a C-shape, U-shape or other rounded shapes wherein a portion of the hook is open.